

Oklahoma Crop Weather



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Dry Conditions Return to Oklahoma

Dry conditions combined with high temperatures and strong winds were depleting what little moisture was remaining in the soil. For the second week in a row, minimum rainfall was received across the State. Producers were hoping for rain to help replenish the dry soil. Topsoil moisture dropped from last week into the mostly short to very short range. Subsoil moisture was 82 percent in the short to very short range. There were 6.5 days suitable for field work.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	37	41	22	0
Last Week	29	32	39	0
Last Year	18	38	43	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	49	33	18	0
Last Week	49	29	22	0
Last Year	17	38	44	1

Small Grains: Wheat, rye and oat conditions continued to be in the mostly poor to very poor range. Although the warm temperatures with no precipitation was less than ideal for row crop producers, it was just what was needed for wheat producers. Conditions last week were excellent for wheat harvest. By week's end, one-fourth of the wheat crop had been harvested, 19 points ahead of normal. Oats jointing was winding down at 99 percent complete. Oats in the soft dough stage of development had reached 71 percent, 15 points ahead of the five-year average. Both oat and rye harvest was underway with 8 percent of the crops harvested.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 28, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat -					
This Week	37	32	26	5	0
Last Week	36	35	23	6	0
Last Year	5	19	42	29	5
Rye -					
This Week	36	45	19	0	0
Oats -					
This Week	51	33	15	1	0
This Week	51	33	15	1	0

Row Crops: Short water supplies in ponds and lakes was causing concerns with irrigated cotton producers. Cotton was emerging but was not growing due to the lack of rainfall. The low moisture supplies have limited some producers wanting to plant double crop soybeans or sorghum behind the wheat crop. Eighty-two percent of the corn was in excellent to good condition. Peanuts, sorghum and soybean conditions were mostly rated in the good to fair range. Sorghum, soybeans, peanuts and cotton planted passed the halfway mark by week's end. Peanuts and cotton both jumped more than 20 points from last week to 65 and 72 percent planted, respectively. Sixty-one percent of the soybeans were planted and 55 percent of the sorghum was planted.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 28, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	3	14	34	48
Peanuts	0	8	26	63	3
Cotton	0	32	28	39	1
Sorghum	2	7	37	50	4
Soybeans	1	4	40	49	6

Hay: Dry conditions and little rainfall continued to take a toll on alfalfa cuttings as they continued to be shorter than normal. Seventy percent of the alfalfa was in mostly good to fair condition. Alfalfa, first cuttings increased 12 points from last week to 95 percent complete, while the second cutting of alfalfa showed an 11 point increase from last week to 14 percent. The condition of other hay was mostly in the fair to poor range. Other hay first cuttings were 4 points behind normal at 46 percent complete.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 28, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	6	20	47	23	4
Other Hay	22	31	37	10	0

Miscellaneous Commodities: Most of this year's watermelon crop was planted by week's end which was slightly ahead of normal. Watermelons running, at 34 percent, was 12 points behind last year at this time and 10 points behind the five-year average.

Pasture and Range: Warm temperatures and dry weather continued to hamper pasture conditions and pond water levels. Producers were concerned that this long streak of dry weather could affect the pasture growth for the remainder of the year. Sixty-seven percent of the pasture and range conditions were in the fair to poor range with 15 percent being very poor.

Livestock: Livestock were in mostly fair to poor condition. Marketings were mostly fair. Insect activity was mostly light. Death loss of cattle was mostly average. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$108.50 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$102.28 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 28, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	16	27	35	22	0
Pasture & Range	15	26	41	16	2

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending May 28, 2006									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Soft Dough	94	90	84	82	Seedbed Prepared	80	77	80	84
Harvested	25	3	3	6	Planted	61	45	49	58
Rye -					Emerged	47	28	31	44
Soft Dough	96	93	97	39	Peanuts -				
Harvested	8	N/A	1	1	Planted	65	45	77	85
Oats -					Emerged	46	27	57	66
Headed	93	72	84	87	Cotton -				
Soft Dough	71	60	56	59	Planted	72	49	51	73
Harvested	8	N/A	N/A	1	Emerged	55	28	38	54
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Emerged	87	70	91	91	1 st Cutting	95	83	92	94
Sorghum -					2 nd cutting	14	3	17	19
Seedbed Prepared	80	65	82	80	Other Hay -				
Planted	55	43	30	35	1 st Cutting	46	33	51	50
Emerged	29	19	23	28	Watermelon -				
					Planted	98	88	92	94
					Running	34	12	46	44

Weather for Week Ending May 28, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 53 degrees at Boise City on Thursday, May 25th, to 102 degrees at Hooker and Cherokee on Thursday, May 25th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the West Central, Central and East Central, and Southeast districts to 0.24 inches in the North Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 73 degrees at Jay on Wednesday, May 24th, to 90 degrees at Bessie and Burneyville on Thursday, May 25th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending May 28, 2006							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2006 to May 28, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	96	64	81	0.03	2.76	-3.88	42
West Central	94	70	82	0.00	5.58	-4.00	58
Southwest	94	70	82	0.01	6.30	-3.28	66
North Central	95	69	82	0.24	6.74	-3.32	67
Central	91	70	81	0.00	7.80	-4.23	65
South Central	90	70	80	0.04	11.34	-1.21	90
Northeast	90	69	80	0.21	11.45	-1.35	89
East Central	89	70	80	0.00	11.82	-2.11	85
Southeast	89	67	78	0.00	14.21	-0.71	95

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